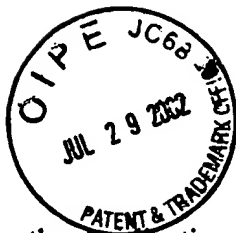


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



PATENT

In re the Application of
RONALD L. BEALE
For: BACK SUPPORT APPARATUS FOR USE
WITH A BACKPACK
Serial No. 09/844,047 ✓
Filed: 4/30/01

) Art Unit: 3727
) Examiner: M. Brevard
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) July 19, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 25, 2002, applicant elects species I shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17 read thereon. This election is made without traverse.

An Office Action on the merits of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

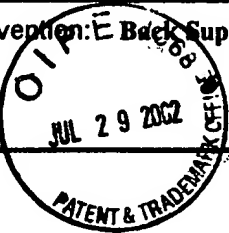
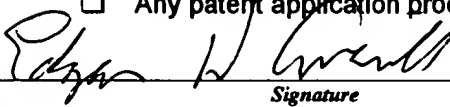
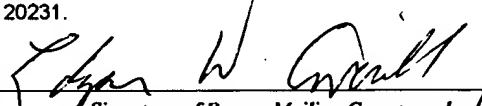
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